

COUNTY OF BUREAU)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

January 8, 2013

County Board)

The County Board met in the Court House in Princeton, Illinois, in said County of Bureau, in the State of Illinois, in the Board Room on January 8, 2013, which said notice is in the words and figures as follows:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the members of the County Board of Bureau County, Illinois, will meet at the Court House in Princeton, Illinois, in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 8, 2012, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, December 28, 2012.

Kamala S. Hieronymus
County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Dale Anderson, Chairman of the Board. Members present: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwistle, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Pozzi, Ptasnik, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Feeney.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Rabe, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes from the December meeting, it was moved by Mr. Baracani, seconded by Mrs. Marini, for approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from IDOT stating the department executed the joint agreement on December 17, 2012, with a copy enclosed. It is for project HSIP-0011(85), which is the sign project.
2. The Quarterly report of the Regional Superintendent of Schools Office for the period October 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Mr. McCook moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.
3. The appointment of Kendall Keutzer, Trustee, to the Arlington Fire Protection District, for a term of three years, beginning May 2012, or until his successor is duly appointed. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$986.69, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$4,270.65.

There were no applications to consider this month.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwistle reported that at last month's meeting the Public Defender had requested that a part time person be paid \$10 per hour. The Fees and Salaries Committee stated that the County policy is \$8.60 per hour for part time clerk hire. The Committee did not recommend that the person be paid \$10.00 per hour. If the person worked out, Mr. Henneberry could come back in 90 days and the committee would revisit the situation and probably grant the \$10 per hour. It was learned that the person has some skills they were not aware of, and the other part time person working in that office only came occasionally. Mr. Henneberry came back to the committee, he would like to bump her up to \$10 per hour, and the Committee agreed to grant the request, effective in the next pay period. Mrs. Entwistle moved to increase the salary for Mr. Henneberry's part time person to \$10 per hour, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle reported that the Circuit Clerk asked for approval to grant a \$600 stipend per year to Dawn Reglin for the additional duties she has been requested to do as chief computer operator. Ms. Reglin is willing to do the additional duties, which has to do entirely with the programming in the Circuit Clerk's office. The Committee approved the stipend, which will come out of the Court Automation Fund. Mrs. Entwistle moved for approval of the \$600 stipend, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$180 for deposit in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court-funded income derived from fees gained through court supervision cases. She moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Sheriff's Earnings Report for December, 2012, of \$2,349.55 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements report for December, 2012, showing Earnings of \$15,451.75, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$42.29, Interest/Child support checking of \$.03, Interest/Savings of \$.32, and Interest/Savings (IL Funds) of \$.25.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for December, 2012, showing clerk's fees in the amount of \$14,041.73.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the sales tax reports as follows:

1. The Local Share of income tax collected in August and received in December in the amount of \$47,005.80, which is \$1,420.62 more than last year.
2. The Local Share of State use tax collected in October and received in December in the amount of \$11,806.65, which is \$3,450.61 more than last year.
3. The ¼% Sales Tax collected in October and received in December of \$51,922.66, which is \$3,401.15 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in October and received in December of \$38,521.33, which is \$7,182.95 more than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales tax collected in September and received in December of \$93,338.22, which is \$7,387 more than last year.

Mrs. Entwistle was asked to announce that the position of ESDA officer is open, and they want to get the position filled.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$98,904.84, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$26,400.86, the Federal Aid Matching Fund of \$15,931.22, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$14,936.07, the TBP Fund \$5,317.18, and the Township MFT Fund of \$7,917.28.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for Utilizing CAB Funds for Phase I Engineering Services for Bridge Replacement for a structure which carried County Highway 9 over Bureau Creek. The engineering agreement is with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for an amount not to exceed \$8,787.80. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$339,835.38.

Mr. Kohr announced that Butler is doing some HR work in addition to reconciliation, which the County was not aware of. Butler Insurance will come to the next Insurance Committee meeting, scheduled for January 28, and will lay out in detail exactly what they are doing. Mr. Kohr said they will try to move the time to 5:00 rather than 5:30 PM. Mr. Kohr will let everyone know by email.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$18,026.59, and those for Assessments totaled \$13,869.42.

Mrs. Marini gave the Coroner's report which showed 22 coroner's cases, 7 death investigations, 13 cremations, 1 autopsy, and income of \$150. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Assessments Office had income of \$18.50 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

The Assessments Office is preparing for the printing of the new plat books. They went out for bids, and the low bid was from BCR Printing. They will print 1,000 copies for \$13,956. Mrs. Marini moved to accept the bid, seconded by Mr. Pozzi.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Pozzi, Ptasnik, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the County has received two energy aggregate proposals. They received a bid from a broker, and another one from a supplier. After much discussion, the Law Committee recommended that they do not accept either one, but they do recommend that they place on the ballot the option for the people in the unincorporated areas to decide if they would like to be able to have this opportunity. Mr. Herrmann put together a Resolution Authorizing a referendum to allow an Opt-out Electrical program for rural residential and small commercial retail customers. Mrs. Marini read the Resolution. The question on the ballot would be: Shall Bureau County have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its rural residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program? The committee and Mrs. Marini moved to place the resolution on the ballot for the April 9 election, seconded by Mr. Donarski. The brokers and the suppliers would come back to the County if the Resolution passes, and that is when the County would have to make a choice. The supplier told Mrs. Marini that counties are split half and half. Half of the counties go into the referendum with a fee already in place, and the other half negotiate it after they have made a decision. The important part for our constituents is giving them the option. If they vote "yes," then we have to try to get the best deal for them. The contract would be signed for a certain length of time. Mr. Herrmann explained that the first step is the Resolution. The County does not have to get into this business. The residents and the utility users can decide on their own. If the County wants to get into this and procure a producer or a broker, then this is the first step. If the resolution passes, then the County Board may adopt another Resolution picking a producer and/or broker to do that. If the Resolution fails, then there is an opt-in; they don't change their power providers, it is not automatic. Then the utility user has to exercise an option to change. If the County gets involved, the change will come automatically if they don't opt-out. Mr. Kohr said what he understood is that if the Resolution passes, a rural user has the opportunity to opt-out if he so chooses. If the Resolution does not pass, then the providers can still contact residents individually and they can make the decision. They would have to take formal action to change their provider. In order for the County to pick a supplier or a broker to get into aggregation, this Resolution is necessary. If the Resolution passes, the County Board can still decide if it wants to do it or not. If the County chooses not to get into the aggregation business, the County can do nothing and then the providers can make their own contacts. By the County doing this, it would allow consumers to get the best rate. This would affect only users that are in unincorporated areas. If the Resolution passed, the County would solicit bids, and the rate would be uniform across the unincorporated areas. If the rural people do not like their rate, they can opt out. This does not apply to those in the Corn Belt. The Resolution was voted on. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini presented a General Order for selecting 16 persons to serve as grand jurors, and 12 additional persons to serve on the First Supplemental Panel, 12 additional persons to serve on the Second Supplemental Panel, 12 additional persons to serve on the Third Supplemental Panel, and 12 additional persons to serve on the Fourth Supplemental Panel, so that 64 persons may be available for filling the grand Jury Panel. They would be summoned to appear on March 11, 2013, and a Grand Jury may be selected to serve for a period of six months. Mrs. Marini moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$28,913.39, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$23,323.65.

Mrs. Warren reported that the radios in the cars and the hand held radios have been installed, they are all narrowbanded, and they are all working so the County is in compliance. Jim Eatock was here last Wednesday to do an assessment of the project to date. There is a lot of work to do yet with installation of equipment in the jail, the tower, and antennas. They are working with Starved Rock Communications to get that work scheduled and completed. Mrs. Warren thanked Jim Shipp for his time and expertise in making sure the narrowbanding timeline was met. He spent a lot of extra hours, and she felt he did an awesome job. She asked that he be given a round of applause.

Mrs. Warren reported that the committee got a bid from SBM for 15 cases of legal sized copy paper at \$58.90 per case. She moved that the bid be accepted, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle moved for the payment of all claims, including payroll with additional ones received this evening: food for prisoners, \$4,554.98, the Sheriff's credit cards for \$10,470.58, one for mileage for \$125, another one for \$125, one for \$207.80, one for \$187.73, and one for \$353.40. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwistle, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Pozzi, Ptasnik, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Under new business, it was mentioned that the February County Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, which is a holiday, but it was decided to go ahead with that date for the meeting. The April meeting would be April 9, but that is election day, so it was decided to have that meeting on Thursday, April 11.

A motion was made by Mr. Dobrich, seconded by Mr. McCook to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation according to 5 ILCS 120/2c11, collective bargaining according to 5 ILCS 120/2c2, and employment compensation, discipline, performance and dismissal according to 5 ILCS 120/2c1.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwistle, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Pozzi, Ptasnik, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, it was moved by Mr. Kohr, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle, that the Board return to Regular Session.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Pozzi, Ptasnik, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for approval of the Leave of Absence Resolution, as amended, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. The first paragraph was amended to read: "The County may grant a leave of absence without pay for medical reasons. A Leave of Absence must be approved by the Department Head then reported to the County Board." Mr. Bassetti said the Resolution stated the policy was for non-union employees, and he wanted it to read that it was for all County employees. He did not like the policy to be different for different employees. Mr. Bassetti thought the elected officials have the right to deny an employee taking a day off without pay. He thought the employee should be told to take a vacation day or a sick day if they want a day off. It was pointed out that the \$300 a week is a benefit from Central States, and if the County no longer had that insurance, that would end. Right now it is part of the whole health insurance package. Another requirement of the policy that was discussed was "Any insurance premiums due during the leave must be reimbursed by the employee to the County within the month of the expense." A voice vote was taken, and on vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the policy for time off with Sick and vacation. She said previously the policy was that an employee needing to go to the doctor or pick a child up from school was required to take a half day off. The new policy allows taking time off in increments no less than one hour at a time. Such time off is to be approved by the department head. Mr. McCook moved for approval of the policy, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. Mr. Bassetti asked why, with the new time system, it couldn't be in half hour

increments. It is to be in increments of an hour to prevent a bookkeeping nightmare. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Kohr moved to give Mr. Herrmann authority to contact workmen's compensation for settlement of a claim, seconded by Mr. Sondgeroth. On vote, motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Clerk of the Board be directed to issue orders to the members for their attendance and mileage to the session as listed on the roll call sheet.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Donarski, seconded by Mr. Baracani, that the meeting be adjourned. On vote, motion carried.